

CHURCH NEWS.

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January 7th to the 21st. Under the leadership of its pastor, Rev. J. W. Hickman, the church is making every preparation for his coming and for the success of the meeting. Dr. Torrey will be assisted by Rev. C. P. Curry, who will have charge of the singing.

Columbia: Rev. W. H. Boggs, pastor of the Arsenal Hill Church of this city has declined the call from the Central Church, Mobile, Ala. This is because of special work which he now has under way in his present pastorate.

Lake City Church is planning to call a pastor for full time. At the last meeting of the Presbytery, the church petitioned the Presbytery to be allowed to withdraw from the group, in which it was at that time, in order to secure a pastor for full time. The request was granted and the pastoral relation was dissolved to take effect January 1. This church has been for some years ministered to by Rev. W. I. Sinnott as its pastor, and under his ministrations has grown to the point where it feels able to stand alone. The other churches of this group, Union and Central, will—with the help of the Presbytery—take the full time of the pastor.

TEXAS.

Presbytery of Eastern Texas met in the Westminster church of Beaumont recently. Ruling Elder George W. Curtis, of Orange, was elected Moderator. Rev. S. K. Markley, late of Wyoming, was received from the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., and arrangements made for his installation as pastor of the Silsbee church. Rev. J. T. Shawman, of the Baptist Church, was received after a very thorough examination which proved most satisfactory. The Rev. J. C. Oehler, D. D., who has not thoroughly recovered from the nerve shock received last June, when he was run over by a railroad locomotive, presented his resignation as chairman of the Stewardship Committee, and an entirely new committee was constituted, consisting of Rev. S. M. Tenney, chairman; Rev. J. L. Davis and Elder L. F. Gerlach.

There is in Polk County, in the bounds of this Presbytery, a colony of 212 Indians, which have been cared for religiously, exclusively by the Presbyterian Church for forty years. Rev. C. W. Chambers has lived in their midst, served them as pastor and medical nurse for nearly twenty years, and his wife has been their teacher. The Federal Government made them a grant of about 1,200 acres some years since, but this is very poor land and insufficient to provide a proper sustenance for them, so that they are under-nourished. The Presbyterian Church feels the responsibility for these Indians, and after a very interesting discussion took steps to seek through the Federal Government a better provision for their material interest. Charlie Thompson, elder of the Indian church, appeared and made a talk. Two Indian girls from this colony are being educated by the Woman's Presbyterial of Eastern Texas Presbytery in Durant College.

Wednesday night Rev. E. T. Drake, chairman of the Home Mission Committee, exhibited on the screen pictures of almost all the church buildings in our Presbytery, many pictures of the Indian colony, of the oil-fields, also presented schedules showing the strength, forces and needs of the Presbytery. The Presbytery now has thirteen ministers and thirty-five churches. Nine of these churches have preaching every Sunday, eleven

have preaching only once a month, and the remainder are being cared for by the pastor at large. We have twenty-three church buildings, four of which are good, modern brick buildings, and seven of our churches have manses. The Presbytery has three women from its churches in the foreign field, and another now preparing to go. Three foreign missionaries are supported by churches in our bounds and one mountain missionary.

The Home Mission Committee took a long step forward and presented a new and very definite program obligating the Presbytery to a better support of what interest it has before undertaking more. The entire Presbytery felt greatly encouraged and will enter the approaching Stewardship Campaign with energy and hope.

Rev. Dr. Homer McMillan was present throughout the entire session of the Presbytery, taking much interest in all its work, and delivered a splendid address, which was well received.

The Presbytery has a most valuable accession to its ministry in Rev. Brook Smith, who was received and ordained recently, and is to supply the Lufkin church.

Dr. Hunter and his people cared for the Presbytery most liberally and kindly. Dr. Hunter is proving a splendid leader to the church in Beaumont, and is taking a most effective part in the work of the entire Presbytery.

S. M. Tenney, S. C.

WEST VIRGINIA.

Tygart's Valley Presbytery, at a called meeting at Richwood, December 6, received Rev. H. L. Cathey from Montgomery Presbytery and Rev. F. M. Ryburn from Roanoke Presbytery. Mr. Cathey accepted a call to Richwood Church and was installed pastor. Rev. Dr. F. H. Barron, the moderator, presided and preached the sermon. Rev. W. C. Williams, the former pastor, delivered the charge to the pastor. Rev. George H. Rector delivered the charge to the people. Mr. Ryburn received a call from the Gassaway Church and he was granted the privilege of holding the call until the spring meeting of the Presbytery.

Gassaway: We arrived on the field two weeks ago. We were received into the open arms of a faithful and loyal people. Under the auspices of the Woman's Auxiliary a reception was tendered the new pastor and family Thursday evening, November 9, 1922. It was a delightful occasion. The prospects for growth and development in this field are encouraging.

F. M. Ryburn, Pastor.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

Rev. T. D. Johnston from Woodruff, S. C., to Greensboro, Ga.

Rev. James A. Satterfield from Oriskany to Oakboro, N. C.

Rev. B. D. D. Greer from Sansala to 304 North Seventh Street, Temple, Tex.

Rev. E. M. Delaney from Lynchburg to S. Columbus St., Alexandria, Va.

PERSONAL.

Rev. Dr. R. C. Reed has the sympathy of his many friends in the death of his wife on December 17th at Columbia, S. C., after a brief illness. Mrs. Reed was before her marriage, Miss Cantey Venable, of Prince Edward County, Virginia. She was a very attractive and lovable woman. Dr. Reed is the Moderator of the General Assembly of our Church.

WEEK OF PRAYER.

Topics for universal and united prayer for the week of January 7 to January 13, celebrated throughout the United States as "The Week of Prayer," have been suggested by the

Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America:

Sunday, January 7—Special sermons and addresses.

Monday, January 8—Thanksgiving and Confession. Scripture Readings: Psalm 11; Matthew 17:1-21; II Corinthians 4.

Tuesday, January 9—The Church Universal—The "One Body" of which Christ is the Head. Scripture Readings: Isaiah 42:1-12; Luke 22:17-30; I Corinthians 13; Ephesians 4:1-16.

Wednesday, January 10—Nations and Their Rulers. Scripture Readings: Psalm 33; Psalm 72; Zechariah 2:1-5; Ephesians 2:13-22.

Thursday, January 11—Foreign Missions. Scripture Readings: Isaiah 35; Acts 4:5-12; Romans 10:11-21.

Friday, January 12—Families, Schools, Colleges, and the Young. Scripture Readings: Matthew 19:13-22; Proverbs 3:1-17; Psalm 119:9-16, 33-40.

Saturday, January 13—Home Missions. Scripture Readings: Isaiah 60:1-5, 18-22; John 15:1-17; Ephesians 3:14-21; I Corinthians 1:18-31.

Complete list of topics and suggestions may be secured by writing to the Federal Council of Churches, 105 E. Twenty-second Street, New York.

REV. D. M. HAWTHORNE.

Rev. D. M. Hawthorne, pastor of Weir, McCool, Mt. Zion and Bethsalem churches, came to the hospital in Jackson, Miss., some two weeks ago for treatment. The doctor found, after an exploratory operation, that his malady would not yield to a surgical operation.

On November 30, 1922, he quietly passed away. At his own request he was buried in the cemetery at Bethsalem Church, which is in the country about six miles from Ackerman, Miss.; Rev. J. C. Watson, W. F. Tims and J. B. Hutton conducted the services. The church was filled with representatives from the churches of which he was pastor and with people from all the country side. This sorrowing concourse of people bore silent testimony of the tender affection they bore to him and of the high esteem in which they held him. It was an impressive scene when, at the conclusion of the services in the church, a number of negroes, who had been standing at the door and windows of the church, requested that they might look upon his silent form, and filed into the church and stood with bowed head and tear-bedimmed eyes in the presence of him who held their confidence and their love.

Mr. Hawthorne was born on Indian Run, about five miles from Glade Springs, Virginia, on January 3, 1858. His father died when he was scarcely able to remember, and when he was some twelve years old his mother died, leaving him an orphan boy without means.

His college course was taken at King College and at Hampden-Sidney. This course was prolonged by reason of the fact that he had to stay out and teach in order to get money to pay his expenses. His theological course was taken at Union Seminary, Hampden-Sidney, Va. He graduated in the class of 1889-90. He was licensed to preach by Abingdon Presbytery. He was ordained by Central Mississippi Presbytery in 1893, having accepted calls to the Goodman Group of Churches.

His chief characteristics were humility, self-forgetfulness, fidelity, loyalty—in short Christ-likeness. His sermons were well wrought and sound, his speech was seasoned with sympathy, his acts were prompted by love, principles were his motives and truth was his guide. As a friend he was

loyal, as a presbyter he was true, as a pastor he followed the example and went in the spirit of the Great Shepherd. One of his last sayings was that the Lord had been good to him in the friends He had given him. Men of affairs trusted in him, little children confided in him. The unanimous verdict of all the people was, that he was "good."

He carried but little in the show window, but much behind the counter. The Home Missionary life is for the most part spent far removed from the public gaze, it is hidden away in the hearts of the common people. Is he not like "the corn of wheat," which falls in the furrow to die alone and then live multiplied in the harvest?

For thirty-one years he has faithfully sown that life in the furrows of the home mission field, and hath now gone to receive the well done of the Lord of the harvest, and his works, shall they not follow him?

J. B. Hutton.

NEW DEPARTMENT OF CHURCH EFFICIENCY IN LOUISVILLE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

By Rev. J. M. Vander Meulen, D. D., President.

The thought of this Department in our Seminary was first suggested to us two years ago by that great friend and benefactor of our institution, Mr. W. G. Duncan, of Greenville, Ky. It had impressed him that students for the ministry needed more training in two things especially. The first is in Sunday-school Work. Mr. Duncan felt that every young minister should come forth from the Seminary with definite psychological and pedagogical information on the subject of religious education and a clear understanding of the most approved ways of organizing and conducting a Sunday School. In order to back up this suggestion he agreed to endow a chair in these subjects to be known as The Mary Hamilton Duncan Chair of Sunday-school Work. This chair is being temporarily occupied by the president.

But there was, Mr. Duncan felt, a second phase of a minister's professional training that needed to be augmented. It was in the knowledge of Church Efficiency with especial emphasis on Church Finance, the raising of the money for the local and benevolent budgets, etc. In Mr. Duncan's gift, therefore, this object was likewise included.

It is the great pleasure of the Seminary to announce that this Department has now been constituted. And in looking over the field for the right man to place at the head of this Department we feel ourselves singularly fortunate to have obtained the acceptance to it of one of our own alumni, the Rev. S. Waters McGill, of the Synod of Tennessee, U. S.

There will be four especial subjects included in the instruction given in this Department. The first will be Church Finance. This will include the method of raising the budget of the church. The second will be Church Publicity. This will embrace the best methods of advertising the church and its work, both to its own members and to the outside world. The third will be Church Organization with especial reference to other organizations than the Sunday School. And the fourth will be Evangelism with especial reference to the best plans for conducting protracted Gospel services.

This Department will be a rather novel and unique one in the development of theological education. And Mr. McGill is unique in the natural

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